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The Council of Seventy.

In connection with the topic about which are centered the contributions to this number of the BIBLICAL WORLD it is appropriate to say a word in regard to the work in "The Foreshadowings of the Christ," which is being done in a popular way by thousands of people throughout the United States and Canada this year. We refer to the outline course which the *Council of Seventy* conducts through the *American Institute of Sacred Literature*. In this course a careful outline of the texts is accompanied by special directions for their study. Of the three thousand people already at work many are studying alone, but hundreds of clubs have been formed in churches, Young People's Societies, and other organizations for Christian work. The town of Frankfort, Ind., has reported six clubs of thirty members each, all organized through the influence of one woman whose house was opened for this purpose. The classes meet weekly, some in the afternoon and others in the evening, leaders serving for one month each being chosen from each club.

While the course is simple and popular in its character, it is based upon sound scholarship, and so far as it goes can be used by the most "professional" students. That this subject is the vital question of the Old Testament, and that even a slight knowledge of it gives a new interest and attractiveness to material which has been counted by the multitude as out of date and uninteresting, is evidenced by the following statements made by average students:

"It is practically the first time I have ever read the prophecies with any definite purpose in view. I find the study very fresh and interesting."

"It has given me an enlarged conception of God's plan in the spiritual universe, as well as of the important use of the Old Testament in helping to unfold that plan. My faith in the whole Bible has been stimulated and refreshed."

"It has made the Old Testament, especially the prophecies, a new book to me."

"You have taught me to love the Old Testament better than I ever would have had it not been for this course, for I had always thought it

too distant to interest me, although I loved Christ's life; but I can now see more plainly the reason for different things."

"The study of the course has given me a more vivid consciousness of God's presence and power in the world, and of his direct interposition in the affairs of men, and of nations."

"I think that I have learned more from the study of the Old Testament in the past nine months than I could have learned in as many years in the common way of study."

"As I have watched the unfolding of Messianic prophecy from its beginning until its glorious close in the Old Testament, my faith in the over-ruling power of God and in his interest in the affairs of our everyday life has been steadily strengthened. The Old Testament seems far more real to me, and I am the better able to understand and use its teachings."

"The Old Testament speaks to me with a new voice."

"I never realized before how much there is in the Old Testament to help and strengthen one."

"For the first time I have been taught to appreciate something of the beauty of the Old Testament, and have learned to know what is meant by the unity of the Bible."

"You have accomplished what you aimed at in impressing upon us the unity of God's plan from the beginning as expressed in the Bible."